

**Minutes
Public Hearing
Bolton Lakes Water Pollution Control Authority**

March 3, 2010

7:00 PM

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Attendees: Chairman Robert Morra, Mike Morris, Noel Gessay, Mark Turkington, Dan Wright and Carmine Pellegrino Alternates present were: Joyce Stille and Cheryl Udin. Also present were Marshall Gaston of Fuss & O'Neill, Inc.; Vernon WPCA Director David Ignatowicz and 12 members of the public.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Morra called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 P.M. and read the Legal Notice of Public Hearing dated February 11, 2010. The Hearing was called to consider the advisability of construction of the Phase II Construction Project portion of a regional sewerage system to serve the portions of the Bolton Lakes area defined as the "Lakes District" and the "Southwestern District" in the concurrent ordinances entitled "An Ordinance Creating the Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority" approved by the Town of Bolton and the Town of Vernon on April 1, 2003 and April 5, 2003 respectively.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Marshall Gaston, P.E. of Fuss & O'Neill gave an overview of the sewer project and he identified the five phases of the project. During the hearing several residents posed questions to Mr. Gaston and the WPCA and a Q&A session followed.

What kind of pumps will be used for the project?

Mr. Gaston stated that simplex pumps will be used for residential users and duplex pumps for commercial users on the low pressure sewer system. The pumps have been pre-qualified will be manufactured by E-One.

How will the contractor(s) deal with the high ground water table and seasonal springs when installing the pipes?

Mr. Gaston stated that the piping for these pumps will be laid along existing culverts in order to avoid seasonal springs.

How will Lakeside Lane and Keeney Drive be sewerred?

Mr. Morra stated that Lakeside Lane will be served by sewers on Lakeside Lane. No laterals are planned from Keeney Drive.

How will the billing be done and who will maintain the pumps and sewers?

Mr. Morra responded that the billing for sewer use will be done quarterly and will be based on equivalent dwelling units (EDU). The maintenance of the E-One pumps will most likely be contracted out to the pump supplier, Environmental Resources of Vernon, CT.

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Will a Wetlands Permit be required for each tie-in to the sewer system?

The Bolton Lakes Regional Water Pollution Control Authority (BLRWPCA) is planning to obtain one general permit during the mandatory tie-in period. Language is still being developed, but that period is expected to be 180 days after the completion of each phase. The contractor hired by the BLRWPCA will upgrade the electrical service, if needed, to operate the pump. The homeowner will be responsible for crushing/or filling in the septic tank when the house is connected to the sewer.

What is the cost to the property owners who must connect to the sewer?

There will be a special benefit assessment of \$10,000 per EDU. Each single family residential home will be equal to one EDU and non-residential users will be evaluated on an individual basis. The property owner will have the option to pay the assessment over 20 years at a 2% interest rate. This equates to approximately \$612/year. The property owner pays a one time charge to connect the house to the pump and properly close the septic system. This could range from between \$1,000 and \$2,500. The house has to stay on the septic system until the whole phase is complete. The property owners will also receive a quarterly sewer user bill to cover the cost of treating the wastewater.

Is there a code or specification for connecting the pumps and abandonment of the septic tank?

Yes. The connection must be made by a licensed and bonded contractor and the abandonment of the septic system will need to be done in accordance with the regulations of the local health department. The pumps will have an alarm system and most homes will be able to use the existing pipes from the house to the pump chamber.

What about the location of the pumps?

The Health Department requires separation distances of the pumps from potable wells. They also recognize that certain situations exist and will have to be handled on an individual basis.

What size is the force main piping?

Mr. Gaston stated that the force main will be 1 1/2" diameter fused pipe. That means it will actually be welded together to prevent seams.

Will any roads be paved after installation of the sewer in Phase IV of the project?

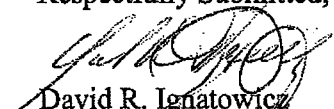
No. It is not within the scope of this work.

Is there a pump station that will send low pressure sewage to the gravity line of Route 44?

No. There is sufficient pressure from the individual pumps to transport the wastewater to the gravity line without a central pump station.

Chairman Morra thanked all in attendance for coming and closed the Public Hearing at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


David R. Ignatowicz
Vernon Staff Representative